vehicles. They are not accidents purely. 17 of them were accidents and the remaining 9 were occurrences. It is a mistake to call all of them accidents. In the answer all the 24 are termed as accidents. It is a mistake.

President.—What is the correct expression?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—They are occurrences.

President.—So all of them are not accidents ?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—They are only occurrences.

President.—So, the number of motor occurrences comes to 24. They will include the 9 accidents also and they alone were charge-sheeted.

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—Yes.

President.—So, your answer to the supplementary question is that out of the 24 occurrences 9 were occurrences and 17 were accidents.

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—Yes.

Cases of Murder.

185. Mr. E. Ikkanda Wariar.—Whether the Government will be pleased to state:—

(1) how many cases of murder have been brought to the notice of the Police in 1102;

(2) how many of them were detected;

(3) how many of them were charged;

(4) how many of them ended in conviction ?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—(1) Ten.

(2) Nine.

(3) Nine.

(4) Seven.

Vala Hostel, Ernakulam.

186. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Vala Hostel attached to the Maharaja's College, Ernakulam, was run as an aided or a Government institution;

(b) the date of opening that hostel and of closing it with reasons for so doing;

(c) the strength of the hostel during each year of its existence;

(d) The name of the officers and managers of the hostel;

(e) the monthly pay of the officers, if any;

(f) the location of the building in which the hostel was housed; the name and caste of the owner; the monthly rent paid for it and who fixed the rate?

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Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) As an aided institution.

(b) Opened on 1st Makaram 1095 and closed on 8th Chingam 1100 for the reason that the expenses for boarding, etc., went too high.

(c) 1096 .. 9 boarders.
1097, 1098 and 1099 9 do
1100 .. 7 do

(d) M. R. Ry., V. R. Venkiteswara Ayyar Avl., Principal of the College, was the Warden throughout, except for the period from Thulam 1098 to Thulam 1099, when M. R. Ry., S. K. Subrahmanya Ayyar Avl , officiated.

Mr. K. P. Karuppan, then Sanskrit Pandit of the Girls' High School, Ernakulam, was the Superintendent.

K. A. Madhavan was the Manager till Edavam 1097 and K. J. John from Mithunam 1097 to the closing.

(e) The Superintendent was paid Rs. 10 a month and the Manager Rs. 15.

(f) The hostel was located in house Nos. B/220 and B/221 on the northern bank of the canal opposite the present Public Library. They belonged to one Ayyappan. The rent was Rs. 35 per mensem. It was so fixed by the Government at the suggestion of the Warden.

187. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state after enquiry from the Municipal Council, Ernakulam, or from the present occupant of the building referred to in question No. 186 what the present rent is;

(b) if the present rent is much smaller, what is the explanation of the officer who fixed the rent so high years ago when the housing problem at Ernakulam was not so acute;

(c) were the accounts of the hostel subjected to periodical audit by the Comptroller of Accounts;

(d) if so, will they be pleased to lay on the table the last two audit reports;

(e) was any defalcation or misappropriation detected; and if so, how the amounts were made good and from whom?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) Rs. 35 per mensem.

(b) Does not arise in view of the answer to part (a).

(c) Yes.

(d) Government do not consider it necessary.

(e) Some discrepancies were found in the stock register of food articles purchased and in the issue register. The amount unaccounted for was made good by the officers responsible.

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